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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A microencapsulated and enteric coated composition comprising:

a) a microencapsulated and enteric coated mixture of sorbents with specific adsorption affinities for uremic toxins wherein the sorbents comprises oxystarch, locust bean gum, and activated charcoal, wherein the enteric coating disintegrates and dissolves at or above a ~~PH~~ pH of 7.5; and

b) a bacterial source which metabolizes urea and ammonia, said bacterial source being kept within the microencapsulated coating to prevent microbial infection of patients.

Claim 2 (previously amended): The composition of claim 1 wherein sorbents of the mixture have specific adsorption affinities for ammonia, urea, creatinine, phenols, indoles, and

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middle molecular weight molecules wherein the middle weight molecules are uremic toxins.

Claim 3 (original): The composition of claim 1 further comprising a phosphate binding agent.

Claim 4 (original): The composition of claim 3 further comprising a water binding agent.

Claims 5-7 (canceled)